

our understanding, (for the sacred
study). We in-
yoke you both, in the last watch, of the
night,* for
our 'preservation. Be to us for increase
in the pro*-
vision of food.

25.. Cherish us. As WINS, always, by
night or day,
with nndiminshed blessings : and may
MJGEBA,
YABUNA, ADITI, ocean, earth, and
heaven, be
favourable to this (our prayer).

EIGHTH ADHYAYA.

ANHTAKA XVI. (continued).

sfeA YHI. (cxni.)

The Hymn is addressed to USBDLs (the Dawn), and,
in the second
half of the first stanza, also to 'Night. The
Rishi is KUTSA ;
the metre, *TrisMulh*.

- I. j^ This most excellent luminary of all
luminaries
has arrived : the wonderful and diffusive
manifestor
(of all things) has been .born. In like
manner as
night is the offspring of the sun, so she
becomes
the birth-place of the dai?n.^b
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^a *A&yutye*, 'inthe,Absence of light;' that is, In the
last -watch
of the night, or that preceding the dawn, at which
time, accord-
ing to *Aswddlayana*, as quoted "by *Say ana*, the
Asioins are especially
to be worshipped.

^b That is, when the sun sets, the night comes
on; or it k

generated "by the setting of the sun, and may,
figuratively, be
termed his offspring* and, in like manner, as the
precursor,
might may Be termed the parent, or womb, of the
dawn.